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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Donald L. Wolfe
Interim Director of Public Works

ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST (ACE) PROJECT AUGUST 23, 2004, MEETING

On August 23, 2004, a member of my staff attended the regular meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments-ACE Construction Authority. A copy of the agenda and the adopted minutes of the July 19, 2004, meeting is attached. The following item occurred at the meeting, which is of interest to the County.

Under Agenda Item V, the Chief Executive Officer gave a report to update the ACE Construction Authority Board on the status of the Federal Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21st Century. He reported that the Conference Committee has made little progress on the legislation, and congressional leaders are likely to forestall their decision making until after the November elections. As it stands, the Senate's version of the bill proposes \$318.9 billion in spending without anticipated tax increases. The House of Representative's version proposes \$289 billion in spending. The President has indicated he will veto a bill over \$256 billion. Since congressional leadership believes a larger bill can be funded after the election, an omnibus bill is not expected to be forthcoming until after January since Congress will only be in session for four weeks before recessing for the elections.

There were no action items considered by the ACE Construction Authority Board before they adjourned to closed session.

The next meeting of the ACE Construction Authority Board will be on September 27, 2004, at the Irwindale City Hall at 2 p.m.

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
Executive Office



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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA Monday, August 23, 2004, 2 P.M. Irwindale City Hall - Council Chambers 5050 Irwindale Avenue Irwindale, CA 91706

Members of the public may comment on any item on the agenda at the time it is taken up by the Board. We ask that members of the public come forward to be recognized by the Chair and keep their remarks brief. If several persons wish to address the Board on a single item, the Chair may impose a three-minute time limit on individual remarks at the beginning of discussion.

All items set forth on this agenda may be subject to action.

- I. Roll Call and Introductions
 - II. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of July 19, 2004 (Pages 1-3) Action
 - III. Public Comment
 - IV. Chairman's Remarks Information
 - V. Chief Executive Officer's Report (Pages 4-10) Information
 - VI. Property Acquisition and Relocation Update Information
 - VII. Closed Session: The Board will adjourn to closed session to discuss:
 - ✓ Conference with real property negotiators in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.8
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- Property Address: 11254 Ramona Blvd. El Monte, CA
Agency Negotiators: Mark Mendoza, Paragon Partners/Joe Montes, Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP
Negotiating Parties: ACE Construction Authority and A&B Auto Repair
Matters under negotiation: Price and terms

Possible Action
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- Property Address: 11258 Ramona Blvd. El Monte, CA
Agency Negotiators: Mark Mendoza, Paragon Partners/Joe Montes, Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP
Negotiating Parties: ACE Construction Authority and JP Engine, Inc.
Matters under negotiation: Price and terms

Possible Action

The ACE Construction Authority is currently constituted of seven (7) member jurisdictions: the City of El Monte, the City of Industry, the City of Montebello, the City of San Gabriel, the City of Pomona, the County of Los Angeles, and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. A San Bernardino County Council of Governments representative is an ex officio Board member.

Each member or alternate has one vote. A quorum of the ACE Construction Authority is no less than four (4) of its total voting membership. Actions taken by the ACE Construction Authority shall be by simple majority of the members present with a quorum in attendance except for personnel actions, the annual budget, matters dealing with the Administrative Code or matters requiring subsequent approval by the SGVCOG, all of which shall require five (5) votes.

✓ Performance Evaluation of Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Government Code 54957	Possible Action
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VIII. Compensation of Chief Executive Officer	Possible Action
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IX. Adjournment	Action
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**ACE Construction Authority
Regular Board Meeting
July 19, 2004
Minutes**

Chairman Harry Baldwin called the meeting to order at the Irwindale Council Chambers on June 19, 2004 at 2:01 PM.

1. In attendance were:

Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel
Ernest Gutierrez, El Monte
Ed Cortez, Pomona
Ed Vasquez, Montebello
Mike Miller, West Covina, SGVCOG
Paul Eaton, SANBAG, Ex Officio

Staff

Rick Richmond, Chief Executive Officer
Joe Silvey, Legal Counsel
Sharon Neely, staff
Deanna Stanley, staff
Cynthia Ambrose, staff
Girish Roy, staff

Guests

Robert Van Riel, Senator Nell Soto
Rose Anderson, Congressman Gary Miller
Jim McDermott, McDermott Consulting

2. Approval of Regular Meeting minutes of June 28, 2004.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of June 28, 2004.
M/S/C: Cortez/Gutierrez/Baldwin and Miller Abstained/Passed

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Baldwin thanked Vice Chairman Ernest Gutierrez for chairing the June meeting in his absence. Chairman Baldwin reported that member Jack Phillips was hospitalized and a speedy recovery was hopeful. Chairman Baldwin also reported that he called legislators in Sacramento to discuss the FY '05 Transportation Budget and maintaining or improving TCRP funding. He noted that Senator Soto was conducting a transportation meeting on August 6th at Montclair City Hall. He further reminded the Board that the MTA is holding their Mobility 21 Summit on August 3rd at the Hilton Burbank Airport and if anyone

was interested in attending to let staff know.

5. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Rick Richmond reported at a pre-bid conference was held for the Ramona Blvd. grade separation project on July 8 in El Monte and was very well attended. Mr. Richmond also reported that a partnering session was planned with the teams involved in the East End/Reservoir grade separation construction project. He indicated this was standard practice for construction management. Mr. Richmond referenced the Nogales Street environmental mitigation monitoring quarterly report on pages 7-9 of the agenda. He reported that two minor events were noted, a slight increase on noise reading and dirt spill both of which were addressed. Mr. Richmond reviewed construction progress photos of the Nogales Street grade separation project. Jim Connolly, Bechtel-Korve Program Manager, provided a summary of the program management activities over the last month.

6. Quarterly Report

Rick Richmond summarized the cost, schedule and accomplishments of the last quarter. He reported a Phase I cost increase of \$1.8 million from last quarter due to increased costs for the East End/Reservoir project which included \$1.5 million for scope and cost for shoofly and \$.2 million right-of-way costs. He also reported increased right of way acquisition costs for Temple Avenue train diversion project of \$.1 million. He reviewed the accomplishments which included the IRRIS project is in testing, construction on schedule with opening to the public planned for August 2005 at Nogales; utility relocations underway for the East End/Reservoir project; the Ramona Blvd. grade separation project out to bid and the Temple Avenue train diversion project bid documents being prepared for advertisement in September. Lastly, he reviewed the schedules of the various projects, which included Nogales Street grade separation one month ahead of schedule; a two-month delay for the Ramona Blvd. project discussed earlier, and a three-month delay due to late design reviews for Brea Canyon, Baldwin Ave., and Nogales. He also reported a four-month delay at Sunset Ave design due to UPRR required bridge re-design, which could ultimately result in a savings in construction costs.

7. State and Federal Legislative Update

Sharon Neely provided a state and federal legislative funding update. She indicated that since the agenda had been issued, several actions had occurred. First, the Senate Transportation Appropriation Subcommittee has set July 8th as mark-up for the FY '05 appropriations. The House Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee mark-up is set for July 15th. Second, the Administration has issued a 10-page letter to the Conference Committee regarding their concerns for TEA-21 re-authorization legislation. The letter threatens to veto any bill that exceeds a total funding package of \$256 billion (Senate prefers \$318 billion and indicated

at the Conference Committee meeting they would not work on a bill for anything less. The House members indicated they would confer and discuss at the next meeting). The Administration letter also includes a recommendation to eliminate all highway earmarks and put those funds into the formula process. The net affect of this recommendation to ACE would be to lose the current \$15.8 million earmark included in the high priority projects list in HR 3550.

8. Closed Session

Joe Silvey, ACE Legal Counsel announced the Board would adjourn to closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.8 to discuss to real property negotiations and in accordance with Government Code Section 54957 to discuss the performance evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer.

The Board reconvened and Legal Counsel announced that there were no reportable actions taken by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 PM.



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MEMO TO: ACE Construction Authority Board Members & Alternates

FROM: Rick Richmond
Chief Executive Officer

DATE: August 23, 2004

SUBJECT: CEO Monthly Report

The following are items of note since the last meeting:

State Transportation Budget Update – The recently approved State budget will not include new funding for transportation projects throughout the State. The budget did include State funding sufficient to honor existing allocation and contract commitments the Authority has in place. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) announced at their August 5th meeting that over \$5. billion in transportation-generated revenues have been diverted to pay for the budget deficit. The CTC does not plan to make any new allocations before December and contingent on the November elections. As reported to you at the last meeting, AB 687 (Nunez) includes a \$289 million for new allocations of Traffic Congestion Relief Funds (TCRP) if the gaming initiatives on the November ballot fail and the gaming compact signed by the Governor is enacted. The Authority has \$68 million in TCRP funds on hold pending restoration of the state highway funding. The Governor announced in his May revise budget the intent to repay the loans within three years.

Federal Reauthorization Update - The Conference Committee for the TEA-21 reauthorization legislation met several times before they recessed for month of August but made little progress because they have been unable to agree to a total funding package. The Senate preferred \$318.9 billion and agreed to lower the bill to \$302 billion. The House would not agree to a bill over \$289 billion. The Administration has indicated they will veto a bill over \$256 billion. The Senate believes that their funding level is fundable with no tax increases. Their leaders indicated they prefer to wait until after the elections and believe they can fund a bill with the larger amount. The Conference Committee adjourned with no direction to Committee staff on how to reconcile the bills with such larger funding differences. As a result, there is little hope for a bill until after January since they will be in session only four weeks before recessing for the elections around October 1st.

FY '05 Appropriations - Chairman Stevens postponed the FY '05 Senate Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee mark-up scheduled for July 8th indefinitely. He indicated the reason was lack of floor time for a bill. In reality, we understand the delay is due to the continuing discussion regarding the reauthorization

funding level still being debated between the House and the Senate. The House Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee has approved an FY '05 Appropriations without mark up of highway or bus projects because of the uncertainty of the funding level in the reauthorization bill. Projects will be earmarked in a final "omnibus" bill. Based upon current discussions, it is likely there will be a continuing resolution for FY '05 Appropriations and the "omnibus" bill will not be addressed until January. We will continue to work on securing an earmark in the Conference Committee.

Ramona Blvd. Grade Separation Project – Construction bids will be opened on August 24. I will provide an update to the Board after bid opening.

Community Outreach Update - Staff has conducted the following project outreach activities:

1. Provided support for construction progress tour of Nogales Street grade separation project for San Gabriel Valley state legislative delegation staff;
2. Prepared press release and graphic material regarding Nogales Street project construction progress for distribution to local newspapers;
3. Distributed copies of updated ACE Project video to San Gabriel Valley elected officials and chamber of commerce leaders and to local cable television companies for broadcast on public access channels; and
4. Updated the ACE Project fact sheets based on the quarterly progress reports.

DBE Report - ACE Construction Authority participated as an Exhibitor at the following outreach events to promote the Authority's upcoming construction contracting opportunities and project updates:

- 3rd International Engineering and Construction Conference hosted by the American Society of Civil Engineers on August 6, 2004 at Cal State University, Fullerton.
- Congressional Small Business Procurement Conference hosted by Congressman Joe Baca and Cal State San Bernardino's Inland Empire Center for Entrepreneurship on August 13, 2004 at University of La Verne College of Law campus.

Overall Annual DBE Goals for FFY 2004-2005 - Caltrans approved the Authority's Proposed Overall Annual Goal of 20% for Federal FY 2004/05. Per Caltrans' direction, we have advertised to the local business community and general public for comments on the goal-setting methodology and rationale.

The 45-day public participation process will close on September 4, 2004. It is staff's intent to review the results of the public comments and request your approval at your

September meeting of the Established Overall Annual Goal prior to final submission to Caltrans.

Contracting - Our Administrative Code delegates to the CEO the authority to approve new contracts or change orders for Board-approved contracts within certain limits, with a requirement that I report to the Board any such contract action. Below is a list of such contract actions since the last report that have not been separately approved by the Board.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>Previous Value</u>	<u>Change Amount</u>
EVA Signal – IR/RIS Project	This change was due to the Pilot Phase test result recommendation that two additional train sensor sites be added to the full demonstration project. This change represents the cost of adding the two sites, related equipment and coordination, and revising the active train sensor layout. While this amendment is more than 10% of the current contract value, the total contract value including this amendment is still below the Board authorized amount.	\$940,885	\$103,243
Transtech – Design for Grade Crossing Safety Improvements	This change was due to MTA Audit's recommendation to amend the contract value to reflect the actual dollars expended, which is less than not-to-exceed contract price. The consultant has completed all work to the Authority's satisfaction.	\$1,156,559	<\$26,181>

Program Management Monthly Report - Mr. Jim Connolly, the Project Manager, will report on the Bechtel/Korve program management support activities for the last month (attached).

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT
ALAMEDA CORRIDOR -EAST PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES
PERIOD ENDING 7/31/04

This report summarizes activities undertaken between July 1 and July 31, 2004.

OVERVIEW:

Work is proceeding on project implementation on several fronts, with an emphasis on:

- Installation of all IRRIS hardware components(Railroad Sub-system detectors and communications sites, Central Control equipment, and Traffic Field Device controllers, cabinets and variable message signs) was completed. System Integration now in progress.
- Designer is proceeding with 100% design for Sunset avenue Grade separation Project to include UPRR recommendations and comments. Revised 65% design was submitted to UPRR in July.
- Brea Canyon Road Grade Separation Project, comments on the 100% level plans and specifications were received from UPRR, LA County DPW, City of Industry, City of Diamond Bar, City of Walnut, and LA County Sanitation District for incorporation into final design.
- Pre-bid meeting and job walk for the Ramona Grade Separation project was held July 8, 2004. Bid Opening slated for August 24, 2004.
- Field office established for East End and Reservoir contract and installation of Storm Drain continues at Reservoir Street.
- Baldwin Avenue Grade Separation 100%-level plans and specifications are being reviewed by UPRR, the Cities of El Monte, Rosemead and Temple City (detour plans), and Los Angeles County Public Works and Sanitation Districts.
- Construction at Nogales St. (Alhambra Subdivision) continued on schedule. Continued placing concrete for retaining walls. Placed concrete for the Valley Blvd. Bridge deck. Completed utility installations within Valley Blvd Bridge. Pump Station construction has advanced to 28% complete.
- Nogales St. (LA Subdivision): 65% design completed in July, currently being reviewed.
- Monitoring Quality Control and Quality Assurance program compliance at design firms and CM/construction contracts continued.
- Continued finalization of Third Party utility agreements for the Temple Avenue. Train Diversion Project.
- Community outreach activities continued for various projects.

BUDGET/SCHEDULE

Work is currently proceeding within schedule and budget.

COMPLETED AND ONGOING WORK ACTIVITIES

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SCOPE

I. General Program Management & Administration Service:

- A. Management and Administration
 - Provided direction to PM team for accomplishment of tasks.
 - Maintained progress on tasks.
 - Submitted monthly invoice.
 - Prepared various cost and budget reports.
 - Updated detailed project schedule.
- B. Procurement
 - Prepared and issued bid documents for the Ramona Boulevard Grade Separation Project.
 - Preparing bid documents for Temple Project.
- C. Quality Control Program/Value Engineering
 - Performing audits/surveillances per revised QA/QC surveillance schedule
 - Performed QA surveillances for the Brea Canyon GS, Sunset GS (design and shoofly), Baldwin GS, and Nogales South GS (design and shoofly) projects.
 - Performed QA audits for the East End Reservoir GS and Nogales GS construction projects.
 - Assisting ACE, B/K staff and Designers in preparation of mothballing matrix.
- D. Utility Program Management
 - Ongoing planning and coordination with major utility companies.
 - Developing specific solutions for utility rearrangements at the Ramona and Brea Canyon Grade Separation Projects.
 - All third parties at East End and Reservoir located within the UPRR right of way have completed their relocation work effort.
 - Two utilities located within the UPRR Right-of-Way have completed their work effort, one remains.
 - Relocation of utilities at Temple continued.
- E. Environmental Program
 - Continued Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Programs.
 - IS/EA draft report for San Gabriel Rail lowering project completed. Currently under review by Caltrans/FHWA.
 - Completed gathering traffic data for Nogales (LA Subdivision).
- F. Permitting Support
 - Planning for permits from regulatory agencies.
 - CPUC application for Brea Canyon Road Underpass Project is pending. A letter from UPRR to CPUC will soon be provided, allowing CPUC to quickly approve the project under a new recently-adopted "informal" procedure.
 - Application drafted and exhibits prepared for CPUC application for Chino branch crossing of 1st Street (East End/Reservoir Project). This will also be filed under the new informal procedure when a driveway design issue is resolved (the geometry of the crossing is affected).
- G. Public Outreach
 - Provided support for construction progress tour of Nogales Street grade separation project for San Gabriel Valley state legislative delegation staff.

- Prepared press release and graphic material regarding Nogales Street project construction progress for distribution to local newspapers.
- Provided support for videotaped documentation of Nogales Street project construction progress.
- Distributed copies of updated ACE Project video to San Gabriel Valley elected officials and chamber of commerce leaders and to local cable television companies for broadcast on public access channels.
- Updated the ACE Project fact sheets based on the quarterly progress reports.

II. Project Management Services

- Ongoing project coordination with involved agencies/jurisdictions/UPRR.
- Providing technical direction to B-K sub consultants.

TECHNICAL SCOPE

Jump Start IRRIS Traffic Signal Demonstration Project

- Punch list work of railroad subsystem.
- Punch list work of TMC equipment and related hardware.
- Punch list work of Field Traffic Devices.
- Continued System Integration.

Right-of-Way Program and Technical Services

- Negotiations ongoing on five (5) Reservoir Street project properties, two (2) Temple Avenue train diversion project properties and three (3) Ramona Boulevard project properties.
- Finalizing negotiated settlement for two (2) Ramona Boulevard grade separation project properties.
- Negotiated settlement for two (2) businesses on Ramona Boulevard grade separation project property.
- Processing relocation assistance for eight (8) businesses located at the Ramona Boulevard grade separation project.
- Completed relocation assistance for one (1) business located at the Ramona Boulevard grade separation project.
- Continued escrow on purchase of one partial fee acquisition, one utility easement and one temporary construction easement on one (1) Nogales Street grade separation project property.
- Continued escrow on purchase of one (1) partial fee acquisition, two (2) permanent easements, three (3) utility easements and three (3) temporary easements on Temple Avenue Train Diversion project properties.
- Continued property management of one (1) East End Avenue grade separation project property, six (6) Nogales Street grade separation project properties eleven (11) Reservoir Street grade separation project properties and four (4) Ramona Boulevard grade separation project properties.
- Provided support in obtaining easement rights needed for utility relocation on Nogales Street, Reservoir Street, East End Avenue and Ramona Boulevard projects.
- Responded to property owner inquiries regarding the ACE Project at Ramona Boulevard, East End Avenue, Nogales Street, Reservoir Street, Temple Avenue Train Diversion, Brea Canyon Road and Baldwin Avenue.
- Continued liaison with Caltrans Local Programs personnel.

Railroad and Shoo-fly Design

- Working with UPRR on Ramona grade separation project relocating the #20 Crossover that will ease construction staging. Metrolink, UPRR and Amtrak have all agreed with the relocated #20. Meeting held with railroad's represented to determine design signal parameters, and who does what for design and construction.

Surveying and Mapping Program

- Currently working the Plats and Legal descriptions for the required property at Ramona Grade Separation Project.

NEXT PERIOD

Continue development of all scheduled activities.

II. - MTA Meeting 21 Aug. 3.

- review Prop. 42
- message SB 314
- support CARVE Bonds
- support opponent Prop. 68
- ACE for the 1.5% of projects

III. Relocations Phase I

- 38 businesses (incl. 26+ ice cream vendors)
- 13 residential
- Ramona; successfully relocating a bar